

REMARKS

Entry of the foregoing is respectfully requested. Claims 1-175 are canceled in this application without prejudice or disclaimer and reserving the right to file one or more continuation applications. Claims 176-249 are pending.

The Examiner's time and efforts during the interview conducted July 26, 2005 and subsequent informal discussions is greatly appreciated in that the scope and meaning of the prior rejections have been clarified, enabling an appropriate response to be prepared.

In response to the Restriction Requirement forwarded by the Official Action dated July 6, 2005, Applicant respectfully traverses the restriction. The restriction does not identify any groups of claims alleged to be separately patentable and also identifies a large grouping of claims (136-175) as generic. As discussed in the interview, the restriction requirement is traversed and claims consistent with the interview are submitted herein. Accordingly, the Restriction Requirement is also obviated by the cancellation of the prior pending claims in favor of the claims presented herein. Reconsideration and examination of pending claims 176-249 are respectfully requested.

Should any questions arise in connection with this application, the undersigned respectfully requests that he be contacted at the number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

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